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2005 Idaho Planting Intentions

Idaho farmers intend to seed 470,000 acres of spring wheat, down 6 percent from last year, according to the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service. Winter wheat seedings, at 770,000 acres, increased 3 percent from the 2004 crop. Idaho farmers intend to seed 10,000 acres of durum wheat this year. This is the first durum wheat intention estimate for Idaho. All wheat planted in Idaho is expected to total 1.25 million acres, unchanged from last year. Barley seedings are expected to total 650,000 acres, down 4 percent from last season's 680,000 acres. Oat seedings are expected to be 90,000 acres, unchanged from last year. Corn plantings are expected to be 240,000 acres, up 4 percent from last year. Dry bean planting intentions are up 15,000 acres from last year at 95,000 acres. Dry bean estimates include garbanzo beans, which are grown primarily in North Idaho. All hay harvested, at 1.45 million acres, is expected to be down 2 percent from 2004. Sugarbeet plantings are expected to total 173,000 acres, down 11 percent from last year's 195,000 acres planted.

Nationally, producers intend to plant 14.4 million acres of spring wheat this year, up 4 percent from 2004. Winter wheat seedings totaled 41.6 million acres, down 4 percent from the 2004 crop. Area seeded to durum wheat is expected to total 2.61 million acres, up 2 percent from 2004. All wheat planted area is expected to total 58.6 million acres for the 2005 crop, down 2 percent from 2004. Barley growers intend to seed 3.97 million acres for 2005, down 12 percent from last year and, if realized, the lowest since barley planted acreage estimates began in 1926. Area planted to dry beans is expected to total 1.66 million acres, up 23 percent from last year and 18 percent above two years ago. Growers intend to plant 81.4 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2005, up 1 percent from 2004 and 4 percent above 2003. Other crops of interest have the following intentions and are listed with their respective percent changes from 2004.

Oats	4.27 million acres	+4.0 percent
Sugarbeets	1.30 million acres	-3.0 percent
All Hay	62.9 million acres	+2.0 percent

Acreage actually planted may vary from those indicated as a result of weather, economic conditions, availability of production inputs and the effect of this report itself.

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